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Governor Ehrlich Elevates Threat Level in Maryland

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. today elevated Maryland's Threat Alert System from "Yellow" to "Orange" status. The elevation, which follows a similar elevation in the federal government's Homeland Security Advisory System, is based on a recent increase in chatter against American interests and information compiled from other sources. Maryland will remain at Orange, or "High" status, until further notice.

"No specific threats have been made against locations in Maryland," Governor Ehrlich stated. "My decision was in consultation with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and follows a similar elevation in the federal threat level system. I encourage Marylanders to practice increased vigilance while going about their daily activities and preparing for the upcoming holidays."

WHO: Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Homeland Security Director Dennis Schrader

WHEN: Sunday, December 21, 2003
5:15 p.m.

WHERE: Front of Government House
Annapolis, Maryland

INFO: Governor Ehrlich will be available to discuss Maryland's recent elevation from "Yellow" to "Orange" threat level status. Homeland Security Director Dennis Schrader is coordinating all efforts on a local, state, and federal level and will also be available for comment.